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Hon. A. Inglis Clarke,
Hobart, Tasmania.

My dear Sir:-

I was very pleasantly reminded of you the other day by the receipt of a pamphlet, which besides recalling your visit gave me some idea of the beauties of your country. I thank you very much for the kind remembrance. It is a long time since I have heard from you. I hope you are well and enjoying life and that your public duties are agreeable even if onerous.

As for me, there is little new to record. I have been occupied closely with my professional work all the time since I saw you and have not found time even to go to England. As for Australia, I do not know if the time will ever come when I can take the journey.

I believe I have publishing nothing in a literary line since my "Philosophy of Fiction", which I sent you and which I hope you received safely. I hope within the next six months to get at some systematic work, though I have nothing very formidable in prospect.

You have, no doubt, kept close watch of the political movements in the United States. The Democratic party seems very firmly intrenched in power and if there are no serious mistakes

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made, I think their ascendency will continue. No one expected quite such a revolution as that of the last election, but Mr. Cleveland's personal popularity was very strong and the independent voters supported him very heartily. If we get rid of the burden of our silver legislation, which is the first thing to be done, I imagine the Democratic majority will try its hand at the tariff. I do not feel so certain of their success in that regard, but hope for the best.

Our World's Fair at Chicago seems to be a magnificent display, but things are in rather a crude shape as yet, I fancy. I shall postpone my visit until later in the season when I have no doubt everything will be better settled and the trip more enjoyable in every way.

I hope you will find time to write me a word letting me know what has happened to you in all this time.

Very faithfully yours,

Daniel G. Thompson